

What is claimed is

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image forming device that forms images on
sheets in accordance with an image forming job;
- 5 a container capable of being detachably attached
to the image forming apparatus;
- a conveying device that conveys the sheets on
which the images have been formed to said container;
and
- 10 a controller that controls storage of the sheets
on which the images have been formed in said container
to selectively inhibit or allow the storage according
to a priority level of the image forming job.
2. An image forming apparatus according to claim
15 1, wherein said controller is operable when the
priority level of an image forming job to be executed
is lower than the priority level of another image
forming job for sheets stored in said container, for
inhibiting the storage of sheets for the image forming
20 job to be executed in said container.
3. An image forming apparatus according to claim
2, wherein said controller is operable when the
priority level of an image forming job to be executed
is lower than the priority level of another image
25 forming job for sheets stored in said container, for
inhibiting execution of the image forming job to be
executed.

4. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controller is operable when the priority level of the priority level of an image forming job for sheets stored in said container is 5 highest, for inhibiting storage of sheets in said container.

5. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, comprising an input device that inputs an image forming job and the priority level of the input image 10 forming job.

6. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a setting device that sets the priority level of the image forming job.

7. An image forming apparatus comprising:
15 an image forming device that forms images on sheets in accordance with an image forming job;
a discharge device that discharges the sheets on which the images have been formed by said image forming device; and
20 a controller that controls said image forming device to selectively inhibit or allow image formation by said image forming device according to a priority level of the image forming job.